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01/29/2013 10:05 PM

To Rachel Fertik

cc Russell Kaiser

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Subject Re: Fw: Status of the F.R. Notice

I forwarded to Nancy, copy to Denise, the message that Jeff was waiting to hear signal from Bob S to proceed. Nancy said she "was well aware" of this, which suggests to me that the delay is likely not simply a matter of Bob S. not personally being supportive.

Frustrating indeed, and obviously beyond our influence. In that light, we should focus our attention elsewhere until the roadblock is cleared.....

Dave

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-----Rachel Fertik/DC/USEPA/US wrote: -----

To: David Evans/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Russell Kaiser/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

From: Rachel Fertik/DC/USEPA/US

Date: 01/29/2013 06:04PM

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Unprompted, Jeff called me this afternoon to follow up on this email. I've already told him that I think his "backdoor" phone calls for re-approval to Bob are inappropriate, so he was probably calling to assuage my frustration with this pattern of his. This is now the third time that this has happened - or is it more?

He didn't provide a lot more information, but this is what he did say:

- He talked to Sussman about this twice last week.
- Sussman didn't give Jeff many specifics. He's apparently "still working it out with whoever needs to know." and "It's complicated" and Jeff "sensed others are involved" in the decision to put it on hold.
- Jeff didn't get any sense of schedule from Bob. To the contrary, he sensed that it will **not** be resolved in a matter of days.

**Please don't forward this** - I don't want him feeling like he can't share sensitive information with me.

Thanks,  
Rachel

----- Forwarded by Rachel Fertik/DC/USEPA/US on 01/29/2013 05:54 PM -----

From: David Evans/DC/USEPA/US

To: Nancy Stoner/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc: Denise Keehner/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 01/29/2013 11:29 AM

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Nancy,

Thought you'd be interested to know the science synthesis FR notice appears to still be in a holding pattern.....

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